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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JAYALEKSHMY ET AL.

Examiner

Anthony Weier

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in the reply filed on 9/27/06. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 2, the term "commonly used vegetable oils" is indefinite in that it is not clear what vegetable oils are considered "common."

Claim 18 is indefinite in that it is not clear whether or not the recitations "such as alcohols, esters, ketones" and "such as pure ethanol/ethylene glycol/propylene glycol" are an actual claim limitation or not. Also, it is not clear whether the solvent and carrier, respectively, are any one of these compounds or whether it is considered a combination of all three. In addition, it appears that the punctuation in the recitation "such as alcohols, esters, ketones" is a typographical error.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and (e) as being anticipated by either one of Purdy et al, or JP 62-172086.

Either one of Purdy et al (e.g. Examples) or JP 62-172086 (e.g. Abstract) disclose a product comprising a mixture which would inherently include sesamin, sesamolin, and sesamol as well as other extraction components as called for in the instant claims. It is expected that the sesame extract of each of Ojima et al, Purdy et al, and JP 62-172086 would possess the same composition and attributes as called for in the instant claims due to similarities in the extraction process used to attain the composition.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-5 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 62-172086.

If it is shown that the extract of JP 62-172086 would not be expected to possess the particular lignan profile and other components as called for in the instant claims, the

following is to be noted. JP 62-172086 pertains to an extract of a sesame oil cake wherein same is used as an antioxidant product. It would have been well within the purview of a skilled artisan to have determined the particular lignan content and profile therein (since lignans of sesame seed are notoriously well known for their antioxidant ability) and that it follows that one skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have found it obvious to have arrived at the particularly degree of antioxidant attribute achieved through the instant invention through routine experimental optimization. It is expected that once the particular lignan profile and other components are provided for as called for in instant claim 1, the product therein would naturally exhibit the other attributes called for in claims 2-5.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 8/13/07 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive with respect to JP 62-172086 and Purdy et al. Ojima et al has been withdrawn as a reference.

Applicant argues that the sesame extracts in JP 62-172086 and Purdy et al contain do not disclose only the composition of ingredients as set forth in the instant claims. However, it is asserted that both JP 62-172086 and Purdy et al would contain only the ingredients as set forth in the instant claims (plus, in view of the "consisting essentially of" language of the instant claims, perhaps additional non-essential ingredients or those which do not effect the functional role of the other ingredients). It should be noted, for example, that the solvents employed in both JP 62-172086 and Purdy et al are removed from the end product.

All other arguments are addressed in view of the rejections as set forth above.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Weier whose telephone number is 571-272-1409. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

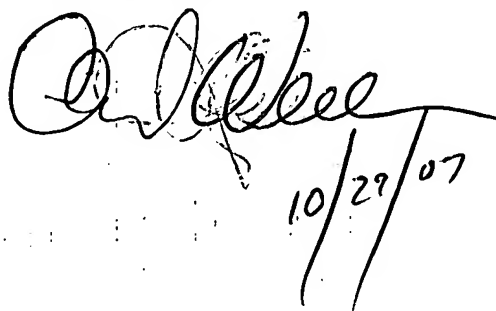
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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